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In re application of

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Divisional of U.S. Appln. No.: 09/727,769

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For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING
THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR,
AND USE THEREOF

**STATEMENT TO SUPPORT FILING AND SUBMISSION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825**

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Sir:

In connection with the Sequence Listing submitted concurrently herewith, the undersigned hereby states that:

1. the submission, filed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(g), does not include any new matter from the Substitute Sequence Listing filed February 5, 2002, in parent application, 09/727,769, and only updates the listed priority information;

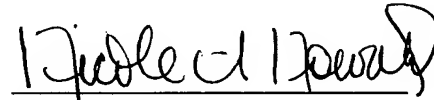
2. the contents of the 9-page Sequence Listing being filed with the present application, and the attached computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same; and

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